

**MINUTES  
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
Thursday February 12, 2015  
7:05 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER 7:05p.m.**

**II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Anderson, Glahn, Gubrud, Howard, Kostuch, Latham, Padmanabhan, Sierks, Thompson, Waddick, and Chair Heer

Absent: Zarrin

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA.** Member Latham requested Urban Forest Task Force Report to be added to the Agenda.

**Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the amended Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes. Member Anderson requested a spelling change on item VIII.I. "DECCA" should be changed to "DECA".
- B. Attendance report and roster. Member Howard noticed Member Zarrin was marked as attending the January meeting, but she was absent.
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Sierks requested Tim Rudnicki to be removed from the Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. Member Waddick requested Laurie Bruno and Michelle Jordan to be removed from the Water Quality Working Group.

**Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. COMMUNITY COMMENT.** No comment.

**VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Chicken Ordinance. Member Latham reported that on the day of the January 20, 2015 City Council meeting, Council received an e-mail from Edina resident, Ross Plaetzer of 4058 Sunnyside Road. Because the Local Food Working Group (LFWG) and the Edina Energy and Environment Commission (EEC) had no opportunity to review the e-mail prior to the Council meeting, Council declined to approve the EEC's proposed fowl amendments at the January 20, 2015 first reading and directed EEC to review the facts in the e-mail and make recommendations on the requests in the e-mail prior to Council's second reading of the fowl amendments, which is scheduled for March 17, 2015.

**Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Member Gubrud to adopt the report as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

- A. Bees. Member Latham said Scott Neal pulled the report, because he didn't have time to read it and talk to the staff that'll be involved with the new ordinance. The only issue is that of whether a neighbor within 200 feet of an apiary lot line can compel an apiary registration revocation by showing a documented past anaphylaxis due to a bee sting, without documenting what kind of bee, or whether the City Council will adopt a higher standard, as recommended by the Energy and Environment Commission, showing a documented past anaphylaxis specifically due to a honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) sting. Both alternatives are presented in the proposed policy for Council to consider. The Council's second reading is scheduled for March 17, 2015.

**Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Glahn to adopt the policy with the alternative of specific to honey bee stings as we initially proposed, but we are including the other alternative of bees generally in case that is Council's pleasure. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Community Solar Update. Member Sierks said the application of assistance was approved for Community Solar. Subcommittee may recommend an RFP will be written once the committee knows what the different issues are insurance, liability, rates, etc. are needed. There's two ways to do solar development as a public entity. First, Met Council is looking at having as big as project as they can with as few members as they can, so they can get the highest potential return or lowest cost to pay for solar. A project needs to have at least five partners. Second, Minneapolis has a lot of community interest, so they want to make solar available to residents, so the more people the higher the cost will be. Is our intent to make it available for the community, or are we maximizing City's return on investment.

**Chair Heer excused himself from the meeting at 7:41pm.**

Mr. Bintner said all of the action will be with big companies. He suggested reviewing Hennepin County and Met Council's RFP work with private developers, and that trying to take on a developer role directly would be a big risk. If the city were to purchase credits, you cannot claim carbon reduction, but if you choose to Buy Renewal Energy Credits, there would no longer be a savings; instead you would pay more for energy, similar to Windsource.

- C. Grandview Advisory. Acting Chair Kostuch reviewed two different Advisories to Council referencing adding environmental principals to the Grandview planning development.

**Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Thompson to move the Grandview Advisory listing examples of environmental actions. Motion carried. Member Glahn opposed.**

Acting Chair Kostuch would like Mr. Bintner to follow up on past Advisory's to Council to see if action has been taken on them.

- D. March 12 Televised Meeting Prep. Acting Chair Kostuch asked Members what topics should be reviewed during the March televised meeting. He requested all Members to create a summary of their topic to be prepared. The following Members are responsible for the Working Group or Subcommittee Reports.

- Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee - Sierks
- Business Recycling Working Group - Zarrin
- City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee - Kostuch

- Community Solar Subcommittee - Sierks
- Education Outreach Working Group - Thompson
- Home Energy Squad Subcommittee - Gubrud
- Local Food Working Group - Latham
- Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group - Zarrin
- Student Subcommittee – Anderson & Padmanabhan
- Urban Forest Task Force Report - Latham
- Water Quality Working Group - Waddick

Mr. Bintner has extended an invite to Rick Carter for a Regional Indicators Initiative update. Karen Kurt will present on Vision Edina. Center for Energy and Environment will discuss Home Energy Squad. Mr. Bintner will present Building Energy Annual Summary. Kostuch will give an overview of the Purchasing Report. Member Latham will present as a resident on the Urban Forest Task Force Report and Local Food Working Group. Talk briefly on 2015 Work Plan. Ask residents to join working groups. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015/16 will occur. It'll be the first meeting for the three new members.

- E. April 7 EEC/CC Joint Workshop Prep. Acting Chair Kostuch reviewed slides that'll be presented at the meeting. The meeting is to ask Council how Edina is going to reach their Chapter 10 goals in the Comp Plan. The goal should remind Council what they signed on for and how can EEC help you. Per Council's request, EEC has prioritized from their Work Plan the following in order of importance.

1. **City Building Energy Efficiency Initiative**
  - a. EEC Commissioners to work with City Manager and City Building manager to create a detailed plan for retrofitting existing buildings within 5 years
  - b. At least one building will be retrofitted in 2015 either under the City's own effort or under the State GESF program
2. **Expand City subsidized Home Energy Squad (HES) installs for residents**
  - a. The City will fund 150 HES installs at a cost of \$10,500; prioritize for lower income (a dramatic increase over the current funding of \$4000)
  - b. EEC will educate and promote HES with the goal to get 500 visits in the year.
3. **Measurement – continue to use and refine metrics and analyses**
  - a. B3 database for all City Buildings
  - b. Create metrics for City vehicle fleets (gallons of fuel)
  - c. Create metrics for Utility operations (energy usage)
  - d. Regional Indicators for City as a whole
4. **City Capital Process Environmental Considerations Initiative**
  - a. EEC to review results of having an environmental considerations section in 2014 CIP process. EEC commissioners will work with City staff to refine and expand so that all capital decisions (i.e., new buildings, major building renovations and fleet purchases) have explicitly environmental analysis on how they will affect City GHG

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS.** No Report.

**VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. No Report.
- B. Business Recycling Working Group. No Report.
- C. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. No Report.
- D. Community Solar Subcommittee. No Report.
- E. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Howard announced the continuation of their occasional film series with "Cowspiracy" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of April. Member Thompson gave an

update on the April 8<sup>th</sup> forum. The topic will be "Here Comes the Sun" which is about Community Solar. The guest speakers will be from Lisa from CERTS and Paul Douglas.

**Chair Heer arrived at 8:57p.m.**

The Member's reviewed the forum's press release. There is concern about not enough time is being spent on the solar topic like originally planned. There will be a resource fair before the guest speakers.

- F. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. Member Gubrud said 390 installs have occurred since 2010. There has been 18 installs since November. There are nine scheduled and there are five low income candidates. The year the City did subsidies was the biggest installs.
- G. Local Food Working Group. No Report.
- H. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. Member Latham reviewed the revised Collection of Compost ordinance. The change was to eliminate the option of co-collecting organics with recycling. The organics will be stored in a separate bag that'd be put into recycling, but worried about the bag breaking and contaminating the recycling. This new ordinance will need to be reviewed in a Council work session.

**Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Sierks to accept the change. Motion carried. Member Glahn opposed.**

Urban Forest Task Force Report. Member Latham gave an update on the Park Board meeting. They adopted the Emerald Ash Bore proposal. They also adopted the change to the ordinance on boulevard trees. The section 36 changes were forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Living Streets initiative was forwarded to the Transportation Commission. The Green Steps Cities best practices were tabled to their working group on urban forest task force. The recommendation to adopt Minneapolis's park board do not plant list was tabled to their work group. Certifying selected city parks as autobahn cooperative sanctuary was tabled to their strategic plan. Buckthorn maintenance will follow up with a maintenance plan was tabled to their strategic plan. The garden council will help cleanup buckthorn in Bredesen Park. The tree preservation ordinance was passed by council.

- I. Student Subcommittee. Member Anderson said he talked to the solar panel engineer and said designs are changing. The students are still doing fundraising too. Member Thompson said a group was getting started at Valley View Middle School.
- J. Water Quality Working Group. Member Waddick gave an update on the outreach to Arden Park houses along creek to install buffers. Her working group will talk about Storm Drain Issues at the April forum. The group has discussed salt usage outreach to 25 businesses. They have been passing out two flyers, Residential Snow and Ice Care and Winter Maintenance Hiring Someone. Storm drain stenciling will start again in Spring. The meeting will change to the second Tuesday of the month.
- K. 2015 EEC Schedule and Workplan. March meeting televised.

#### **IX. STAFF COMMENTS**

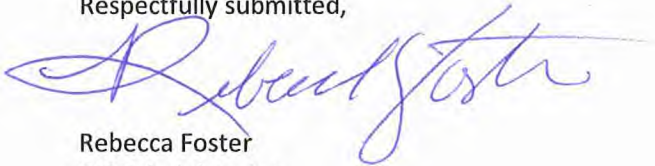
- A. EEC Member Updates. Mr. Bintner thanked Member Latham and Chair Heer for their services due to their terms ending. The EEC Members were very appreciative of their work.
- B. Project Updates. No Report.

There was a discussion on who's willing to be Chair and Vice Chair for 2015. The three new EEC Members will be announced on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Council will be assigning an alternate member too.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Heer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42p.m.

**Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Member Kostuch to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Foster", is written over the typed name and title.

Rebecca Foster  
GIS Administrator

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Glahn, William	2/1/2017	1	1	1												3	100%
Gubrud, Bob	2/1/2016		1	1												2	67%
Howard, John	2/1/2016	1	1	1												3	100%
Kostuch, Keith	2/1/2016	1	1	1												3	100%
Manser, Richard	3/1/2018			1												1	100%
Satterkee, Lauren	3/1/2018			1												1	100%
Seeley, Melissa	3/1/2018			1												1	100%
Sierks, Bill	2/1/2016	1	1	1												3	100%
Thompson, Paul	2/1/2016	1	1	1												3	100%
Waddick, Louise	2/1/2017	1	1	1												3	100%
Zarrin, Sarah	3/1/2018			1												1	33%
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Latham, Dianne Plunkett	2/1/2015	1	1													2	100%
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Anderson, Reilly	9/1/2015	1	1	1												3	100%
Padmanabhan, Sunaya	9/1/2015	1	1	1												3	100%

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